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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the patents and publications listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the non-U.S. patent documents and non-patent publications are enclosed.

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It is respectfully requested that each of the patents and publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, be made of record in this application.

STATEMENT

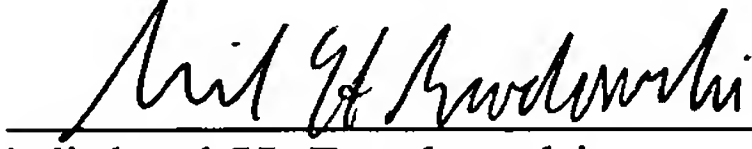
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EXAM. INIT.		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE		
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	A2	4,414,198	11/08/1983	Michaelson	424	44	04/23/1982		
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	B1	0 455 475	07/05/1995	EP	A61K	31/085	05/01/1991	N	Y
	B2	WO 96/33694	10/31/1996	PCT	A61K	47/36	04/26/1996	N	N
OTHER ART, JOURNAL ARTICLES, ETC.									
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